

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for archiving reference material cited in a bibliography of a manuscript by an author of the manuscript, the system comprising:

a database connected to the Internet;

a first communications device connected to the Internet, wherein an author of a manuscript uses a web site on the Internet as a reference for the manuscript, wherein the author uses the first communications device to transmit the address of the web site to the database to transfer identification of reference material cited by the author in the bibliography of the manuscript to the Internet, wherein the cited reference material includes a web site and the identification includes identification of the web site;

wherein the database obtains a copy of the web site from the Internet upon receiving the web site address from the author such that the copy of the web site obtained by the database is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transmitted the web site address to the database, wherein the database stores the copy of the web site along with a distinctive key associated with the copy of the web site;

wherein the author cites the web site as being a reference for the manuscript by listing identification of the web site along with the distinctive key in the bibliography of the manuscript, wherein an audience of the manuscript obtains the distinctive key from the bibliography of the manuscript; and

a second communications device connected to the Internet, wherein [[an]] the audience of the manuscript uses the second communications device to transmit the distinctive key to the database in order to request the database for the copy of the web site request and receive a copy of the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript from the Internet; and

a database connected to the Internet, wherein the database receives transmits a copy of the web site from the Internet in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the Internet such that the copy of the web site received by the database is

~~verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the Internet, wherein the database stores the copy of the web site and transfers a copy of the stored copy of the web site to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving a request~~ the distinctive key ~~from the audience for a copy of the web site whereby~~ such that ~~the copy of the web site received by the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transferred the web site identification address to the database Internet.~~

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the stored copy of the web site in the database is immutable.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the database associates ~~[[a]]~~ the distinctive key with the copy of the web site upon receiving the copy of the web site from the Internet and, ~~wherein the database stores the copy of the web site and~~ transmits the distinctive key to the author via the Internet and the first communications device.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein:
~~the database receives the web site identification in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the Internet, wherein the database stores the web site identification address~~ along with the copy of the web site and the distinctive key.

6-7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 1 wherein:
the author uses an e-mail as a reference for the manuscript, wherein the author transmits a copy of the e-mail to the database using the first communications device for storage of the copy of the e-mail by the database;

wherein the database ~~receives a copy of the e-mail from the author via the Internet and the first communications device for storage and then~~ transmits a copy of the e-mail to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the e-mail.

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim [[9]] 1 wherein:
the author uses a digital file as a reference for the manuscript, wherein the author transmits a copy of the digital file to the database using the first communications device for storage of the copy of the digital file by the database;

wherein the database ~~receives a copy of the digital file from the author via the Internet and the first communications device for storage and then~~ transmits a copy of the digital file to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the digital file.

11. (CANCELLED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim [[11]] 1 wherein:
the author uses a paper book as a reference for the manuscript, wherein the author transmits an electronic scanned copy of the paper book to the database using the first communications device for storage of the electronic scanned copy by the database;

wherein the database ~~receives an electronic scanned copy of the paper book from the author via the Internet and the first communications device for storage and then~~ transmits an electronic copy of the paper book to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for an electronic copy of the paper book.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for archiving reference material cited in a bibliography of a manuscript by an author of the manuscript, the method comprising:

~~an author of a manuscript using a web site on the Internet as a reference for the manuscript transmitting identification of reference material cited by the author in the bibliography of the manuscript to the Internet using a first communications device connected to the Internet, wherein the cited reference material includes a web site and the identification includes identification of the web site;~~

~~the author transmitting the address of the web site to a database connected to the Internet using a first communications device connected to the Internet;~~

~~the database obtaining transferring a copy of the web site from the Internet upon receiving the web site address from to a database connected to the Internet in response to the author transmitting the web site identification to the Internet such that the copy of the web site transferred to obtained by the database is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transmitted the web site identification address to the database Internet;~~

~~associating a distinctive key to the copy of the web site;~~

~~storing at the database [[a]] the copy of the web site with the distinctive key;~~

~~the author citing the web site as being a reference for the manuscript by listing identification of the web site along with the distinctive key in the bibliography of the manuscript;~~

~~an audience of the manuscript obtaining the distinctive key from the bibliography of the manuscript;~~

~~the audience transmitting a request for a copy of the web site from an audience of the manuscript the distinctive key to the database via the Internet using a second communications device connected to the Internet in order to request the database for the copy of the web site; and~~

~~the database transmitting a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving the request for a copy of the web site distinctive key from the audience whereby such that the copy of the web site transmitted from the database to the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transmitted the web site identification address to the database Internet.~~

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13 wherein:
the stored copy of the web site in the database is immutable.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 further
comprising:

associating ~~[[a]]~~ the distinctive key with the copy of the web site is done by the
database;

the method further comprising transmitting the distinctive key from the database
to the author via the Internet and the first communications device.

~~wherein storing at the database a copy of the web site includes storing the~~
~~distinctive key with the stored copy of the web site;~~

~~the method further comprising the author citing the distinctive key associated~~
~~with the copy of the web site in the bibliography of the manuscript along with the web site~~
~~cited in the bibliography of the manuscript;~~

~~obtaining the distinctive key from the manuscript by the audience;~~

~~wherein transmitting a request for a copy of the web site from the audience to~~
~~the database includes transmitting a request having the distinctive key to the database;~~

~~wherein transmitting a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database~~
~~to the audience is in response to the database receiving the request having the distinctive key.~~

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein:

storing at the database a copy of the web site with the distinctive key includes
storing the web site ~~identification~~ address along with the copy of the web site and the
distinctive key.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 16 further
comprising wherein associating the distinctive key to the copy of the web site further
comprises:

the database transferring the distinctive key to the author via the Internet and the first communications device for the author to ~~cite~~ list in the bibliography of the manuscript ~~along with the web site.~~

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein:
~~the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript further includes an~~
~~e-mail associating the distinctive key to the copy of the web site is done by the author;~~
the method further comprising the author transmitting the distinctive key to the
database using the first communications device.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[18]]~~ 13 further comprising:
the author using an e-mail as a reference for the manuscript;
~~the author transmitting~~ receiving a copy of the e-mail ~~[[at]]~~ to the database ~~from~~
~~the author via the Internet and~~ using the first communications device for storage of the copy
of the e-mail by the database; and
the database transmitting a copy of the e-mail ~~from the database~~ to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving a request for a copy of the e-mail from the audience.

20. (CANCELLED)

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[20]]~~ 13 further comprising:
the author using a digital file as a reference for the manuscript;
~~the author transmitting~~ receiving a copy of the digital file ~~[[at]]~~ to the database ~~from the author via the Internet and~~ using the first communications device for storage of the
copy of the digital file by the database; and

the database transmitting a copy of the digital file ~~from the database~~ to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving the request for a copy of the digital file from the audience.

22. (CANCELLED)

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[22]] 13 further comprising:

the author using a paper book as a reference for the manuscript;

the author transmitting ~~receiving~~ an electronic scanned copy of the paper book [[at]] to the database ~~from the author via the Internet and~~ using the first communications device for storage of the electronic scanned copy by the database; and

the database transmitting a copy of the electronic scanned copy of the paper book ~~from the database~~ to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving a request for a copy of the electronic scanned copy of the paper book from the audience.

24. (CANCELLED)

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for storing a reference material using a communications network, the system comprising:

a first communications device connected to the communications network for an author of a manuscript to use, wherein the author uses the first communications device to transfer a copy of the reference material and reference material availability information to the communications network, wherein the author lists in the manuscript a distinctive key associated with both the copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information;

a second communications device connected to the communications network for an audience of the manuscript to use, wherein the audience uses the second communications device to request and receive a copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information from the communications network; and

a database connected to the communications network to communicate with the author and the audience via the communications network, wherein the database receives a copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information from the author, wherein the database stores an immutable copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information and ~~[[a]]~~ the distinctive key associated with the copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information;

wherein, if the reference material is available, the database transmits a copy of the reference material to the audience in response to receiving a request having the distinctive key from the audience for a copy of the reference material;

wherein, if the reference material is not available, the database transmits a copy of the reference material availability information to the audience in response to receiving a request having the distinctive key from the audience for a copy of the reference material.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for archiving a web site cited in a manuscript by an author of the manuscript, the system comprising:

a database connected to the world wide web;

a first communications device connected to the world wide web, wherein an author of a manuscript uses a web site on the web as a reference for the manuscript, wherein the author uses the first communications device to transfer identification of the web site to the database web, ~~wherein the web site identification identifies a web site cited in the manuscript by the author;~~

wherein the database obtains a copy of the web site from the web upon receiving the web site identification from the author such that the copy of the web site obtained by the database is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time the author transmitted the web site identification to the database, wherein the database associates a distinctive key with the copy of the web site, stores the copy of the web site along with the distinctive key, and transmits the distinctive key to the author via the web and the first communications device;

wherein the author cites the web site as being a reference for the manuscript by listing the web site identification along with the distinctive key in the manuscript, wherein an audience of the manuscript obtains the distinctive key from the manuscript; and

a second communications device connected to the web, wherein ~~[[an]]~~ the audience of the manuscript uses the second communications device to transmit the distinctive key to the database in order to request the database for the request and receive a copy of the web site; and

~~a database connected to the web, wherein the database receives a copy of the web site from the web in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web such that the copy of the web site received by the database is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the web;~~

~~wherein the database stores the copy of the web site;~~

wherein the database transfers a copy of the stored copy of the web site to the audience via the web and the second communications device in response to receiving ~~a request~~ the distinctive key from the audience ~~for a copy of the web site whereby~~ such that the copy of the web site received by the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the database web.

27-28. (CANCELLED)

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 26 wherein:
~~the database receives the web site identification from the web in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web;~~

~~wherein the database stores the web site identification, the copy of the web site, and the distinctive key.~~

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for archiving a web site cited in a manuscript by an author of the manuscript, the method comprising:

~~transferring web site identification of a web site, cited by an author of a manuscript as a reference for the manuscript, to a database connected from an author of a manuscript to the world wide web, wherein the web site identification identifies a web site cited in the manuscript by the author;~~

transferring a copy of the web site from the web to ~~[[a]]~~ the database in response to the database receiving ~~author transferring~~ the web site identification ~~to the web~~ such that the copy of the web site transferred to the database is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time ~~the author transferred~~ the web site identification was transferred to the database web;

associating a unique key with the copy of the web site;

storing the copy of the web site with the unique key in the database; ~~and~~

the author citing the web site as being a reference for the manuscript by listing the unique key in the manuscript;

an audience of the manuscript obtaining the unique key from the manuscript;

the audience transmitting the unique key to the database in order to request the database for the copy of the web site; and

transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience via the web in response to the database receiving the unique key from the audience ~~a request from the audience for a copy of the web site.~~

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 30 ~~further comprising wherein:~~

associating ~~[[a]]~~ the unique key with the copy of the web site is done by the author~~[[;]].~~

~~wherein storing the copy of the web site in the database includes storing the copy of the web site and the key.~~

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[31]]~~ 30 wherein:
~~transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience includes transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience via the web in response to a request having the key from the audience for a copy of the web site~~

associating the unique key with the copy of the web site is done by the database.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[32]]~~ 30 wherein further comprising:

~~transferring the web site identification to the database in response to the author~~
~~transferring the web site identification to the web;~~

wherein storing the copy of the web site with the unique key in the database includes storing the web site identification, the copy of the web site, and the unique key.

34. (CANCELLED)

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for archiving information cited in a manuscript, the method comprising:

citing a web site in a manuscript;

prior to any modifications to the web site after the web site has been cited in the manuscript, transferring a web site address to a database via the Internet, wherein the web site address identifies the address of the web site on the Internet;

providing a copy of the web site from the Internet to the database in response to the web site address being transferred to the database such that the copy of the web site provided to the database is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the web site was cited in the manuscript;

assigning a unique key to the copy of the web site;

storing the copy of the web site with the unique key in the database; ~~and~~

wherein citing the web site in the manuscript includes listing the unique key in the manuscript;

an audience of the manuscript obtaining the unique key from the manuscript;
and

transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to ~~[[an]]~~ the audience of the manuscript via the Internet in response to a request containing the unique key from the audience for a copy of the web site such that the copy of the web site transferred to the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the web site was cited in the manuscript.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 35 further comprising:
accessing the Internet to locate the web site prior to citing the web site in the manuscript.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 36 wherein further comprising:
~~associating a distinctive~~ assigning the unique key with the copy of the web site is done by the database[[;]]
~~wherein storing the copy of the web site in the database includes storing the copy of the web site and the distinctive key in the database.~~

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 37 further comprising:
transferring the ~~distinctive~~ unique key from the database to an author of the manuscript via the Internet, wherein listing the unique key in the manuscript is done by the author[[;]]
~~wherein citing the web site in the manuscript includes the author citing the web site address and the distinctive key in the manuscript.~~

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 38 wherein:
citing the web site in the manuscript includes the author ~~citing~~ listing the web site address, the ~~distinctive~~ unique key, and the time at which the web site was accessed in the manuscript.

40. (CANCELLED)

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[40]] 35 wherein:
the audience transfers the ~~distinctive~~ unique key to the database via the Internet.